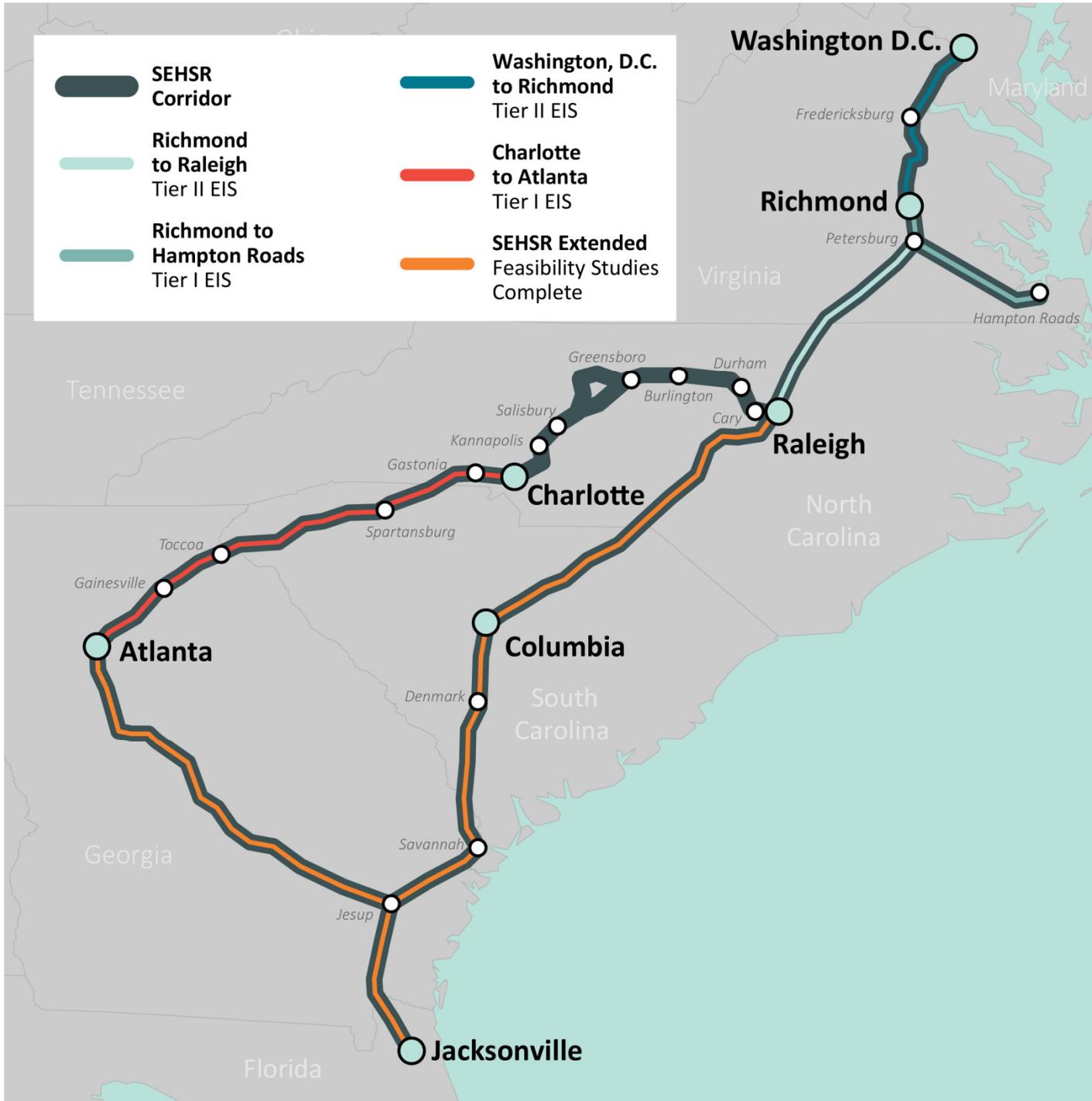




DC2RVA Project Update

CTB Rail Subcommittee Meeting

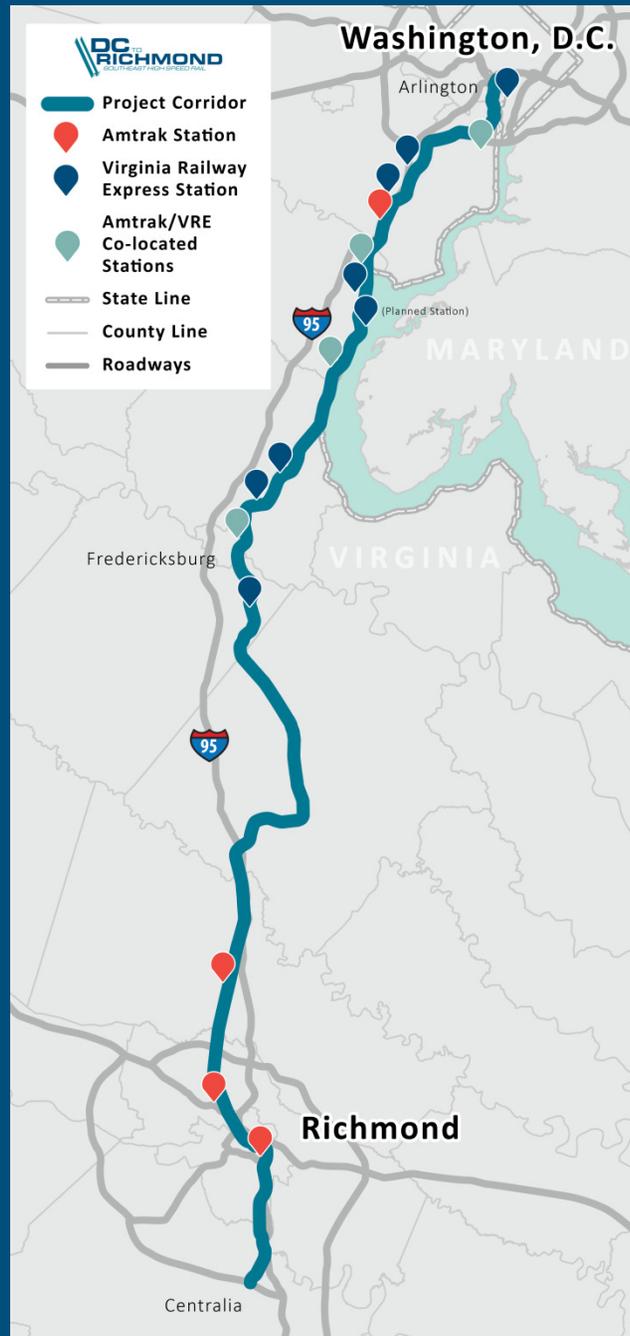
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Southeast High Speed Rail (SEHSR)

DC TO RICHMOND
SOUTHEAST HIGH SPEED RAIL

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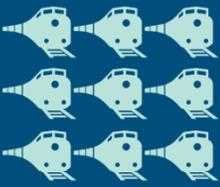


Corridor Overview

- 123-mile corridor
- Follows CSX's rail line
- Shared freight rail and passenger rail corridor
- Amtrak provides intercity passenger rail service
- Virginia Railway Express provides commuter rail service

Project Purpose & Need

 **Increase Reliability** 

 **Improve Frequency** 

 **Reduce Travel Time** 

A Look Back | Progress To Date



Scoping

DRAFT Draft Purpose & Need Final Purpose & Need

Alternatives

~~A~~ ~~B~~ ~~C~~ Screening



DRAFT Draft EIS Final EIS

Record of Decision



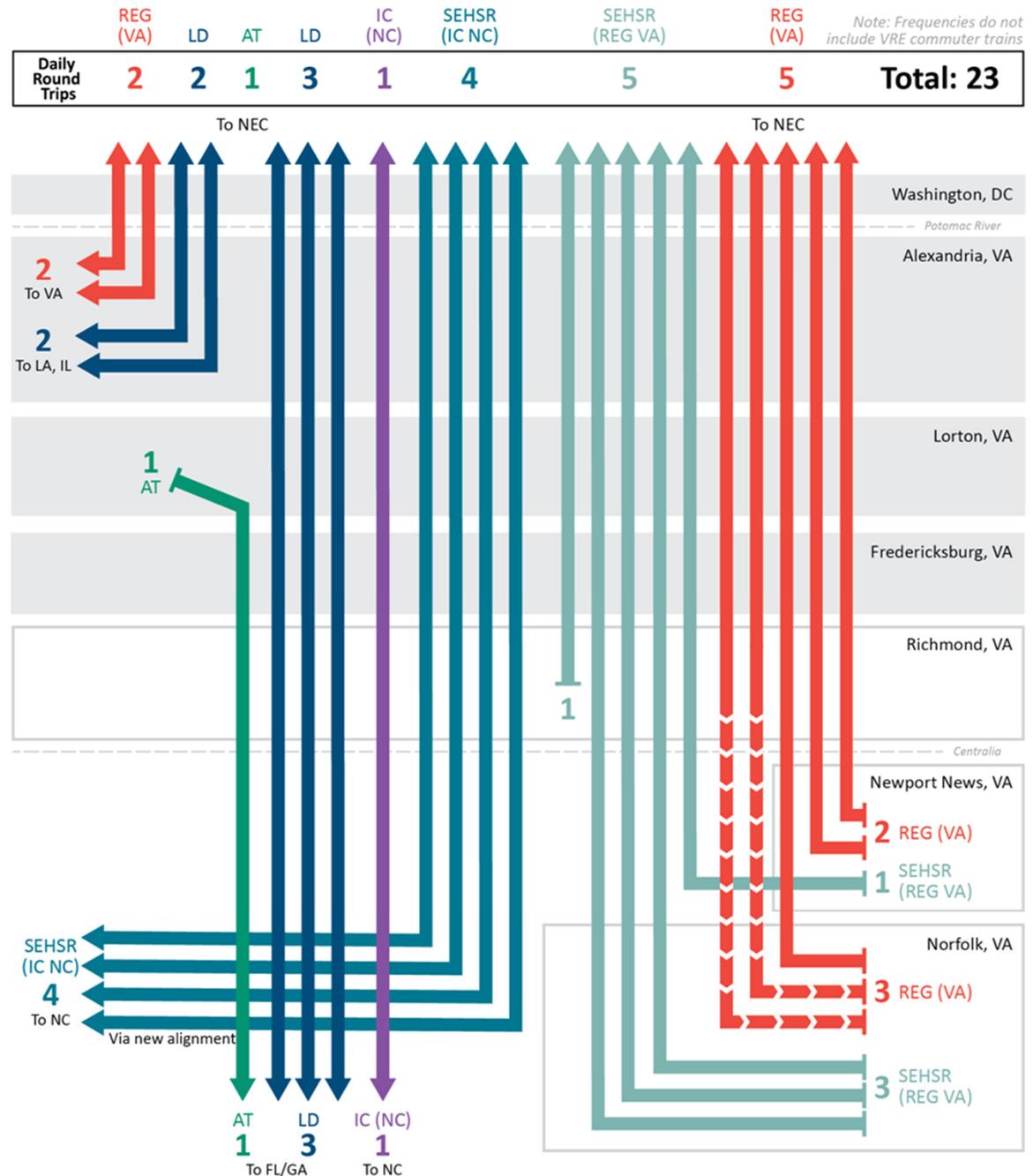
DC2RVA Corridor Frequencies 2025

- █ Long-Distance (LD)
- █ Regional (REG)
- █ Interstate Corridor (IC)
- █ Auto Train (AT)
- █ Southeast High Speed Rail, Regional (SEHSR REG VA)
- █ Southeast High Speed Rail, Interstate Corridor Service (SEHSR IC NC)
- ▬▬▬ Existing train extended to Norfolk
- City also served by VRE commuter trains

Revised: 4/20/2016

Changes from No Build

- 9 new SEHSR round trips
 - 4 to North Carolina
 - 3 to Norfolk
 - 1 to Newport News
 - 1 to Richmond



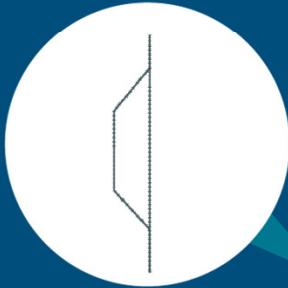
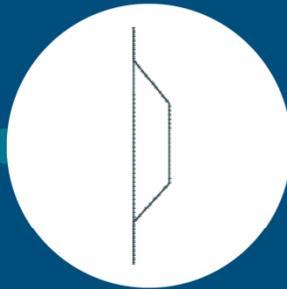
Existing Service and No Build Service Assumptions

Train Service	Existing Service	2025 No Build
Freight	20-30 Daily Trains	Existing + 2% annual growth (Est. 24-36 trains)
Amtrak Long Distance	10-11 Daily Trains (1 train 3x a week)	12 Daily Trains
Interstate Corridor (NC)	2 Daily Trains	2 Daily Trains
Northeast Regional (VA)	12 Daily Trains	14 Daily Trains
VRE	34 Daily Trains (Including non-revenue movements)	38 Daily Trains
Total Daily Trains (est.)	78-89 Daily Trains	88-100 Daily Trains

Washington, D.C.



Fredericksburg



Ashland

Richmond



Summary of Alternatives Carried Forward

How We've Used Public Input

Project Scoping – November 2014

- Asked for input on the project scope, Purpose and Need, proposed project process

Alternatives Development Process – June 2015

- Asked for input on the proposed screening process and criteria

Alternatives Development Results – December 2015

- Asked for input on recommended alternatives for further study in the Draft EIS

Outreach Summary

DC2RVA Public meetings (live and online)

- Pre-briefings with MPOs and Cooperating/Participating Agencies
- Advertised online and in print
- Notices to local governments and elected officials

Issue-specific outreach

- Field work access letters with early notices to public officials
- Series of meetings with station localities
- Participated in locally-hosted meetings
- Elected officials' briefings by region

Ongoing outreach

- DC2RVA Website – local interest sections, comment portal, FAQs
- Mailing list with over 13,000 contacts
- Newsletters and press releases – 105 news stories

DC2RVA Project – Next Steps

- Pre-public hearing briefings to MPOs, elected officials, participating/cooperating agencies, etc.
- Draft EIS public review/comment period
- Draft EIS Public Hearings
- Respond to comments and conduct additional analysis
- CTB approval
- Final EIS
- Record of Decision



Stay In Touch

Draft Environmental Impact Statement Release - Estimated Fall 2016



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